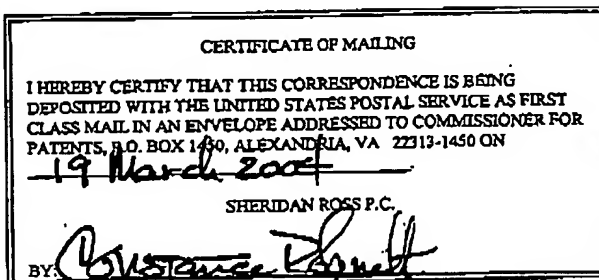


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AMENDMENT

Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 22 December 2003 (Paper No. 9). This Response is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore believe this Response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.